hoped that the necessary pledges will be secured promptly, as the interests of the entire community are deeply involved in the success of this great advance, which will enable medical students to obtain a thorough practical education in every branch of their profession.

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An object or an action changes materially its aspect according to the point of view from which it is observed. To any one unacquainted with the theories entertained to-day, concerning the intimate action of microbes and viruses, the whole question so savors of the mysterious that the accusation of charlatanism would readily and conceivably be made. A moment's thought to our comparative incompetence to give aught but theoretical explanations of the nature of even the most familiar phenomena would evidently moderate our intolerance of all that is new, although by no means implicate us in the acceptance of all that is presented to our judgment. A certain conception of the fallibility of the latter, perverted so frequently by local and personal needs and limitations, restricts inevitably our freedom of discussion, so that but comparatively few voices are raised in protest against any scheme that proposes to protect human life or further human interests.

Our author, Dr. Lutaud, animated, he says, by zeal against error and intolerance, takes up arms against Pasteur's method of treatment of rabies, which he discusses, using for that purpose a series of documents derived from private and public sources, and from which he deduces answers to the following questions:

1st. Was the biting dog rabid?

2d. Had the person, submitted to Pasteur's treatment, rabies?

3d. Why has the number of persons afflicted with rabies centupled since the inauguration of the new method?

4th. What is the nature of wolf rabies?

5th. Why is the attack of rabies severer when the bite is deeper?

6th. Why does the virus of rabies cause neither local nor general reaction?

Doctors, veterinaries, legislators, men in authority, of many countries, are put under contribution to prove, when possible by governmental statistics:

1st. The extreme rarity of rabies.

2d. Its enormous numerical increase since the initiation of the new therapeutical propaganda, indicating

3d. Its frequently suggestive character, as proven by the numerous cures effected by persons endowed by popular superstition with miraculous powers; and, again, by the recorded cases of persons dying when no other cause could reasonably be assigned than that of fright, the dog remaining healthy or the person having been neither bitten nor licked.

4th. The tetanic nature of the accidents in many cases.

5th. That the nature of the fatal paralysis consecutive to the Pasteurian treatment would denote a rabbit in lieu of a dog origin for the rabies, and hence be the direct result of the treatment.

Much time and wit have been expended by our author in exciting contempt for the scientific integrity of Pasteur, and to show that the latter's various discoveries have been the source of a great income to him, making it therefore incumbent upon him to lay such stress upon the value of his discoveries as would best enhance their commercial value and redound to his own monetary interest.

Time will naturally rectify whatever may be of error in these statements, which, however, as it is only fair to state, are substantiated by documents of serious import. E. N. BRADLEY, M.D.

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